



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, August 25, 2023

City News



Be Our Special Guest at City of DuPont's

Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

for the new
Public Works Building

Thursday, August 31, 2023
11:00 a.m.

1790 Civic Dr., DuPont WA 98327

Building tours to follow dedication ceremony



Light refreshments will
be served. We hope
you can join us.



Parks and Recreation



Fall Farmers Market

Parks & Recreation is currently seeking vendors and non-profits for our fall Farmers Market which is scheduled for **Sunday, September 24th from 12:00-4:00 pm** at Clocktower Park. The fall market has proven to be one of our most attended markets of the year as we say goodbye to summer and welcome fall and all its bounty. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Emma Wiegand at ewiegand@dupontwa.gov.



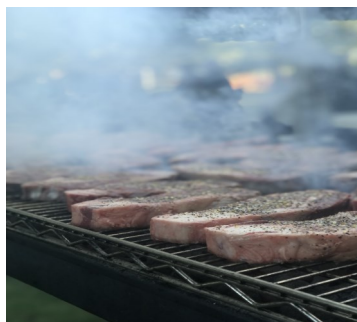
Downtown Trick or Treating

Local Businesses and residents are gearing up for one of our most anticipated events of the year. Parks & Recreation invites all community members to downtown DuPont for Downtown Trick or Treating on **Tuesday, October 31st from 3:00-5:00 pm**, Halloween Day. We are very grateful to our local businesses for graciously opening their doors to our community during this annual tradition. If you are a local business not on Wilmington Drive and want to participate, please contact Amy Walker at awalker@dupontwa.gov.

Parks and Recreation

Hudson Bay Day 2023, it's a wrap!

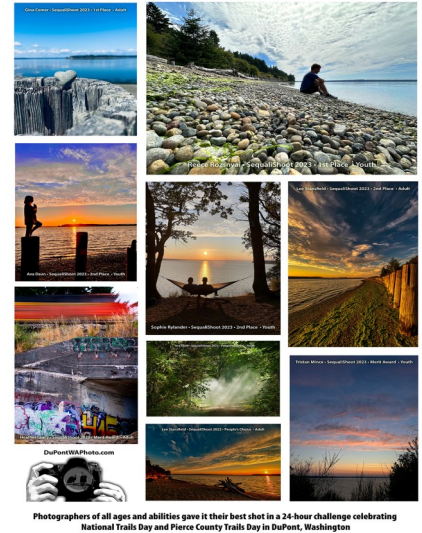
What a weekend DuPont! Many thanks to the tireless volunteers, the American Legion, The DuPont Historical Society, The Sons & Daughters of the American Revolution, Fort Nisqually, Gallop in' Gertie Model A Club, ACU, Northwest Landing, local businesses and vendors, Pepsi, Sysco, Fairfield by Marriot, Best Western, our BBQ chefs and many more who helped make this the tastiest weekend in DuPont. Special thanks to our friends at the American Legion Post 53, you knocked it out of the park this year! We can't wait to have you back next year.



Parks and Recreation

Congratulations to our SequaliShoot photo challenge winners! First place in the youth category went to Steilacoom High School student Reece Rozsnyai and first place in the adult category went to Gina Comer. Both first place winners photographed with an iPhone. Second place and people's choice awards went to Lee Stansfield (adults) and Ava Dean (youth). Contest judges selected two second place winners for youth. The second award went to Sophie Rylander. Merit awards were given to Heather Leacy (adults) and Tristan Mince (youth). Most of the winners live in DuPont. Reece lives in Steilacoom and Heather lives in University Place. Awards were given at the last DuPont Farmers Market (August 17). There were 67 people signed up and 31 submitted photographs for the contest. We had 11 youth (up to age 17) and 20 adults (age 18 and older). You can see all winners here: <https://www.katelynchphotography.com/>

SequaliShoot 2023 WINNERS



Lunch, Movie....Action!

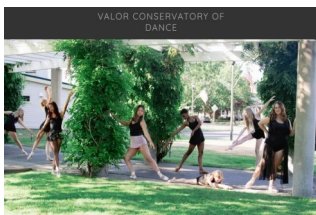
The monthly Senior Lunch & Movie is back after a short July intermission. Seniors are invited to attend our monthly gathering of lunch and a movie on **Tuesday, September 19**. If you are interested in attending, please watch for details on our City website the Friday before the event. Movie choices and departure time will be announced up to a week prior to the event. Pre-registration is required, and the fee to participate is just \$10, which includes lunch and a movie.

If you need help with the online registration process, please give us call, as we are here to help! Movie-goers may call Amy Walker at (253) 405-9698 with any questions. You can register and pay here: <https://dupontwa.gov/545/Adults-Seniors>



2023/2024 Dance Classes

Registration for the 2023/2024 dance season is open with Valor School of Dance! Parks & Recreation is pleased to partner with Valor for another year of quality dance instruction for our families right here in DuPont at our Community Center in historic DuPont. Our dance program continues to grow at astonishing rates and we are expanding our programs to meet the need. Registration info can be found here: [Classes | DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](https://dupontwa.gov/Classes)



DuPont Historical Museum

Game on!

Come play against friends and family!

Come to the DuPont Museum on the last Sunday of each month to play board games! Games and snacks will be provided but you can also bring your own game to share. The next Board Game Day will be **Sunday, September 24th**.
DuPont Historical Museum -



I-5, Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. - Corridor Improvements



DuPont residents, please see the information below as it could affect travel times this summer!

The WSDOT contractor has started the geotechnical investigation for the I-5, Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. - Corridor Improvements Project.

WSDOT Project overview (from website): *to relieve chronic traffic congestion and improve mobility along I-5 in the vicinity of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WSDOT will rebuild the interchange of Steilacoom-DuPont Road (Exit 119) and adding HOV lanes to I-5. This will support congestion relief on I-5 during peak traffic periods while maintaining access to neighboring communities and JBLM. The new interchange includes grade separation of the roadway over the railroad. Construction is expected to begin in late summer 2023. Travelers will see shifted lanes, overnight lane and ramp closures, reduced speed limit in work zones, and potentially short and long-term ramp closures.*

This project could affect your commute at times and bike routes, so please check WSDOT's website at the link below for the latest project updates. WSDOT contact information for this project can be found at the link below and then clicking on the contact tab towards the bottom of the webpage. Please be advised that a new bike route will take effect on August 1, 2023. More information will be forthcoming.

For more information please visit: [I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. - Corridor Improvements | WSDOT \(wa.gov\)](#).

TRAVEL ADVISORY **Aug. 24, 2023**

Contact: [Doug Adamson](#), communications, 360-357-2716

WSDOT - Overnight I-5 lane and ramp closures planned in DuPont week of Aug. 28

DUPONT – Contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will close lanes and ramps on northbound Interstate 5 in DuPont at the Steilacoom-DuPont Road interchange overnight the week of Aug. 28.

The closures allow Atkinson Construction to pave and re-stripe the northbound I-5 off- and on-ramps at Steilacoom-DuPont Road for an upcoming traffic shift on the [I-5 Mounts Road to Steilacoom-DuPont Road Corridor Improvements project](#).

Work is weather dependent and subject to change.

Lane closures near Steilacoom-DuPont Road interchange

One lane of northbound I-5 will close from:

- 7:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. each night, Monday, Aug. 28 through Thursday, Aug. 31.

Ramp closures at Steilacoom-DuPont Road interchange

The northbound I-5 off- and on-ramps at Steilacoom-DuPont Road will close from:

- 7 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. each night, Monday, Aug. 28 through Thursday, Aug. 31.
- Travelers from Steilacoom-DuPont Road heading to northbound I-5 will follow a detour on southbound I-5 to the Center Drive off-ramp, then return north on I-5.

Travelers on northbound I-5 wanting to exit at Steilacoom-DuPont Road will follow a detour to 41st Division Drive, then return south on I-5 to Steilacoom-DuPont Road.

Public Services

Playground Equipment Update

The installation of new playground equipment in Edmonds Village Park, Clocktower Park and Sellers Park is underway! Please be patient, as trucks and trailers will go back and forth with supplies. We don't anticipate this going on for long, though, since the project should be completed within two weeks' time.



Old Fort Lake Subarea Activity

You may have noticed some construction activity recently in the Old Fort Lake Subarea. The property owner is working with the Department of Ecology to identify areas where prior contamination still needs cleaning up as per their Agreed Order with the Department of Ecology for remediation.

Message from the property owner: *"There will be a fair amount of activity on the property. Our environmental scientists have been working closely with the Washington State Department of Ecology to identify areas that require further soil samples to establish how and where environmental remediation will occur. We are working with Ecology to remediate the site to meet residential and open space cleanup standards. Surveyors will be on site to identify the location of the soils boring locations for the environmental reporting required by Ecology. The posts you observed are for the installation of fences, gates, and locks for security of the equipment that will be used by the environmental scientists. The old fence and gate were in disrepair and needed to be replaced. All debris such as old fence posts and any other material will be hauled to a landfill. This is something we have been periodically doing whenever someone discards garbage onsite. We will also be replacing the fence and gates at either end of Loop Road near the entrance to the golf course."*



DuPont Police Department



Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*



Total Calls for Service 08/14/23 – 08/20/23: 242

Average per day: 34.58

The "Total Calls for Service" statistic above includes, but is not limited to, the following incidents:

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

08 Citizen Assists
80 Traffic Stops
09 Agency Assists
04 Community Oriented Policing
02 Disorderly – Verbal Altercation
01 Domestic Violence / Verbal
01 Attempted Extortion
01 Motor Vehicle Collision
01 Lewd Conduct – (attempt to locate)
03 Special Emphasis
03 Suspicious Vehicle
03 Traffic Complaints
01 Unwanted Loiterer
04 Welfare Checks
01 Unattended Child
02 Harassment / Verbal

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

02 Motor Vehicle Thefts
01 Burglary
01 Attempted Motor Vehicle Theft
01 Theft
01 Trespass
01 Vandalism
01 Pierce County Felony Warrant, Suspended License
3rd Degree
01 Driving Without a Valid License, No Identification
01 Carrying a Concealed Weapon Without a License

ARRESTS/REFERRALS

01 Pierce County Felony Warrant, Suspended License
3rd Degree – booked into jail
01 Driving Without a Valid License, No Identification –
booked into jail
01 Motor Vehicle Theft 2nd Degree – charge referred to
juvenile prosecutor
01 Carrying a Concealed Weapon Without a License –
charge referred to prosecutor

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Officers were present at the DuPont Farmers Market and Hudson Bay Days Barbecue competition event.
- Speed emphases were conducted on McNeil Street and Center Drive.
- Officers completed online training courses.
- Officers were invited by a local business to celebrate their second year in DuPont.

REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
- To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
- If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964-7060

If you have non-urgent questions, suggestions, want to file a complaint or commend a D.P.D. staff member, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may reach us via email at Police@dupontwa.gov or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.

DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!



DuPont Fire Department

Response Information: The table below shows general responses. Details, if needed, are listed to better explain the response. The yellow highlighted areas in the "Current" column are statistics from the past week and the "Year" statistics include all responses since January 1st of this year.



(Category) Description	Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other			3
(11) Structure Fire			4
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire			5
(14) Natural vegetation fire		2	9
(15) Outside rubbish fire			0
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition			1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other			2
(31) Medical assist			16
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		17	389
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries			16
(33) Lock-In			0
(35) Extrication, rescue			0
(36) Water or ice-related rescue			2
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other			0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks			5
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition			3
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem			1
(50) Service call, other		5	33
(51) Person in distress		1	9
(53) Smoke, odor problem			2
(54) Animal problem or rescue			1
(55) Public service assistance		1	25
(56) Unauthorized burning			1
(60) Good intent call, other			9
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		2	35
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found			1
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke			10
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency			1
(70) False alarm and false call, other			9
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm			0
(73) System or detector malfunction		1	26
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		1	12
(91) Citizen complaint			1
Unknown			0
TOTALS		30	631

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	1	80
Mary Bridge		44
St. Clare	3	79
St. Joseph	1	26
St. Peters	1	8
Tacoma General		11
TOTAL	6	249

ALS	9	254
BLS	8	149

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	4	122
0800-1649	17	300
1700-2359	9	209
TOTAL	30	631

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	6	70
Monday	4	85
Tuesday	6	83
Wednesday	3	119
Thursday	2	104
Friday	4	82
Saturday	5	88
TOTAL	30	631

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	2	44
DPF Provided	3	31
Multiple Calls	4	75

Safety Message



GUIDE TO EVACUATION LEVELS

DURING AN EMERGENCY, RESIDENTS COULD BE ASKED TO EVACUATE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE TERMS USED BEFORE AND DURING AN EVACUATION.

LEVEL 1 BE READY



Time to firm up evacuation plans, pack necessities, and check on neighbors who may need assistance.

Residents should:

- **Be aware of the danger in their area.**
- **Monitor emergency services and local media for information.**
- **Sign up for emergency alerts to receive up-to-date information.**
- **Plan how to evacuate if they have health or mobility issues, small children or animals/pets.**



DuPont Fire Department

Safety Message - continued

LEVEL **2** BE SET



Residents should:

- **Be prepared to leave with little notice.**
- **Pack up important papers, pets and prescriptions.**
- **Assemble emergency kit including radio and flashlight.**
- **Evacuate family members with special considerations.**



LEVEL **3** GO NOW

LEAVE NOW. You are in immediate danger.
CHECK MEDIA for more information.



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MUNICIPAL POSITION OPENING!

The City of DuPont is looking for a citizen to fill a vacant position on the Planning Commission. The purpose of the Planning Commission is to advise the City Council on General Land Use, Growth Management, Long-Range Capital Improvement Plans, and Transportation Planning. For citizens interested in applying, detailed information the Planning Commission's responsibilities and meeting times can be found on the City's website at <https://www.dupontwa.gov/83/Commissions>. The current application can be found at: <https://www.dupontwa.gov/512/Vacancies>.

RECYCLING IN DUPONT

Recycling glass and cardboard is very easy! In the vacant lot next to City Hall, there is a large recycling station that accepts glass and cardboard. Please make sure to keep the area clean by placing all recycling materials completely inside the receptacles. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle... it's as easy as that!



Community News

August 2023

Our schools are ready to welcome a brand new school year filled with promise and potential.

The start of a new school year is always filled with anticipation and excitement. It provides an opportunity for a fresh beginning of learning, growth, and discovery. Our dedicated educators have been hard at work preparing to provide the students of the Steilacoom Historical School District with an exceptional educational experience that nurtures their minds and hearts.

This school year promises exciting opportunities for students to engage in academics, arts, sports, and a variety of extracurricular activities. Our goal is to provide a rigorous education that not only builds strong minds, but also builds character, resilience, and leadership skills. Our educational system is not just about acquiring knowledge; it is about nurturing a love for learning, fostering creativity, and building critical thinking skills that extend beyond the classroom.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated teachers, support staff, parents, and volunteers who contribute to the success of our schools. Your unwavering support does not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for your partnership.

We look forward to a wonderful school year filled with growth, achievements, and unforgettable moments of joy.

Sincerely,

K. Weight

Dr. Kathi Weight
Superintendent



ENROLL YOUR STUDENT TODAY!

Everything you need to know for Grades K-8, and where to access it, should be included here. If you haven't done so already, NOW is the time to begin the enrollment process!

For students and/or transfers to the:

[Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1](#)

ENROLL TODAY at:

<https://www2.crdc.wa-k12.net/.../WService.../skyenroll>

For more enrollment information for grades 1-12 follow this link:

<https://www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/.../enrollment...>

For KINDERGARTEN specific information find it at:

<https://www.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/.../enrollm.../kindergarten>

To access the 2023-2024 District Calendar go to:

<https://resources.finalseite.net/.../2023...>

To view the District 2023-2024 BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION PACKET:

<https://resources.finalseite.net/.../2023...>

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS BY LOCATION:

Chloe Clark Elementary School

<https://cc.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/our.../school-supply-lists>

Cherrydale Primary School

<https://cd.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/our.../school-supply-lists>

Anderson Island Elementary School

<https://aie.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/our.../school-supply-lists>

Salter's Point Elementary School

<https://sp.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/our.../school-supply-lists>

Pioneer Middle School

<https://pio.steilacoom.k12.wa.us/our.../school-supply-lists>

ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY!

Did you know that Elementary School Success Conferences for Grades 1-5 as well as incoming Kindergartners have SCHEDULED Individual Family Connection Conferences beginning August 30th?

ENROLLING TODAY HELPS:

- ✓ Schools have appropriate staffing numbers to keep class size lower
- ✓ Caregivers and students know what to expect on the first day
- ✓ Caregivers and students to view their assigned teacher(s) and schedules via Skyward on August 22nd
- ✓ Transportation anticipate bus capacity and stops needed

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:
Enrollment@steilacoom.k12.wa.us

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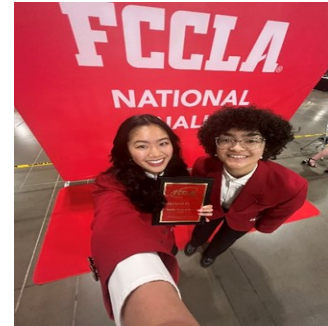
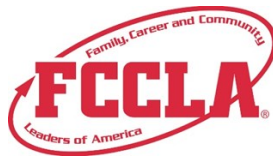
Community News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE **Contact:** Keri Brace, Family & Consumer Science Teacher/FCCLA Advisor-Steilacoom High School
Phone: 253.302.7833 **Email:** Kschultz-brace@steilacoom.k12.wa.us

Three students from Steilacoom High School Competed in the National STAR Event Competition at the 2023 FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Denver, CO, July 2-6, 2023



Nora Agosto-Sungino, Serina Su, Lola Cordero



Serina Su (left) Nora Agosto-Sungino (right)

Denver, CO, July 2023 – The 2023 FCCLA National Leadership Conference (NLC) took place in Denver, CO from July 2-6, drawing more than 7,900 students, educators, and guests from across the nation. This gathering provided a valuable platform for attendees to expand their leadership skills, sharpen their talents, explore career pathways, and listen to inspiring speakers. At the heart of the conference were the highly anticipated Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) Events. Over 4,300 FCCLA members competed in these events, where they were recognized for their proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. The collaboration between youth and adults in managing the events and evaluating participants allowed students to develop real-world skills and gain valuable insights. STAR Events play a pivotal role in supporting student development by enhancing their classroom experience and guiding them towards successful career pathways. With more than 30 events to choose from, participants have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities by actively addressing important issues concerning families, careers, or communities. By researching the topic and implementing projects to advocate for positive change, students acquire valuable skills and industry insights needed to thrive in the 21st century.

We are thrilled to share that Nora Agosto-Sungino, Lola Cordero, and Serina Su proudly represented Steilacoom High School at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Denver, CO. Lola competed in the Fashion Construction STAR event and earned a silver medal and placed in the top 25.

Nora and Serina competed in the Hospitality & Tourism STAR Event and achieved a remarkable gold medal and placed **second in the nation** in recognition of their outstanding performance. Nora & Serina designed and created a French restaurant concept and business plan for the heart of Steilacoom in order to offer a more unique and diverse culinary experience to the area. Hopefully they will open it soon! Lola designed and create a beautiful vintage inspired gown to wear to a formal event! She wore it to a dance! These projects exemplify their dedication, creativity, and commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of others. Their accomplishment at the national level is a testament to their hard work, teamwork, and unwavering passion.

About FCCLA - Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a dynamic and effective student-led nation-based organization supporting youth on their journey to become the leaders of tomorrow and helping them address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has over 237,000 members and more than 5,100 chapters across the nation.

FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical intracurricular student organization with a central focus on careers that support families. Participation in national FCCLA programs and chapter activities aids members in becoming strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

For more information on FCCLA, please contact Keri Brace or Meggan Mattes at 243.983.2300 or Kschultz-brace@steilacoom.k12.wa.us mmattes@steilacoom.k12.wa.us

ROCKING THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



OPEN HOUSE

DuPont Pioneer Aggregate Plant
4301 Pioneer Way, DuPont, WA

Saturday, September 9, 2023
11:00 am to 1:30 pm
(lunch served at 11:30 am)

COME ROCK THE
DAY AWAY WITH
WALLY & THE
BEAVES



DuPont Rock Contest

GNW/CPC Rocks will be hidden starting Saturday, August 5, 2023. Go to the DuPont Rocks Facebook Page to find hints and post your photo with your rock. Each family is limited to 3 rocks which you bring to the Open House for an opportunity to win \$100. One special blue rock will be hidden and the person who finds it will receive a special surprise. Every Rock found is a donation of \$10 to the Patriots Athletic League.

09.09.2023



RSVP TO SUSAN PATANE BY 9/6/23

909.809.0015

SUSANLPATANE@SLRSL



City Council and Calendars

8/22/2023 City Council Meeting Overview:

- Resolution No. 23-012 Awarding a Construction Management contract with Gray and Osborne, Inc. for the PFAS facilities project.
- ARPA Funding - Study Session



Helpful Meeting Links:

- ◇ **City of DuPont Meetings** can be watched live or later at:
City's YouTube channel: (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3_CeNJw40A).
- ◇ **Regular Council Meetings** can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel
and/or at: Pierce County TV (<https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings>).
- ◇ **Agendas**, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and available
at the following link: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777/>.
- ◇ **Minutes**, after they are passed, are available at: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/>.



Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Published agendas can be found on the website's homepage; click on the meeting date on the City of DuPont Calendar and then "**Download Agenda**".



Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
8/28/2023	6:00 PM	Planning Commission Special Meeting
8/31/2023	11:00 AM	Dedication & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Public Works Building
9/4/2023		Labor Day, City Hall - CLOSED
9/4/2023	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting -CANCELED (Rescheduled to 9/12/2023)
9/11/2023	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
9/11/2023	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
9/12/2023	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission
9/12/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
9/12/2023	6:00 PM	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting (Joint meeting with City Council)
9/21/2023	6:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
9/26/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting

Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
9/19	Senior Movie & Lunch	Adults & Seniors DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)
9/24	Board Game Day	DuPont History Museum Events (dupontmuseum.com)
9/24	Fall Farmers Market	